Overview

• Egypt’s Customs Law # 207/2020 lays the ground for several mechanisms to facilitate the access of goods to the Egyptian market, including the emerging Advanced Cargo Information (ACI) system. Among other objectives, ACI also aims to eliminate illicit trade of goods into the local market.

• The implementation of the ACI system has already begun in several sea ports including Alexandria, Ain Sokhna, East Port Said, West Port Said, Port Tawfik, Dekhelia, and Safaga.

• Trade through the ACI system will be mandatory in all major sea ports starting July 1, 2021.

What is ACI?

• ACI is a new platform where cargo data and documents (commercial invoices, final or initial bill of lading) are registered before a shipment arrives at an Egyptian port. Registration procedures involve data input by both the import and exporter of the shipment.

How does it work?

• ACI uses blockchain technology to ensure the safe transfer of documents and data.

• CargoX is the certified blockchain provider. The company developed BDTS (Block-chain Documentation Transaction System), which offers a platform with many applications, the most popular of which is Smart B / L™. CargoX created an open system that uses block-chain technology and decentralized encrypted data storage to enable the creation and exchange of information and documents.

Registation Process

Log in to the online portal (Nafeza) using your username and password

Select the option to request ACID

Importer data will automatically appear

Insert foreign exporter data

Insert key shipment data

Insert detailed data for shipment

Select “Request to issue ACID”

Email is automatically sent to the Egyptian importer and foreign exporter with an ACID

Detailed Shipment Data Required

Inventory and Item Data

• Approved Value
• Customs System
• Submission System
• Cargo Delivery Site/Arrival Customs
• Customs Item Number and Item Data (Item Type/Item Description/Operations Number/Country of Origin)
• Statistical Customs Quantity/Weight

Initial Bill of Lading (if any)

• Bill Number
• Port of Loading
• Port of Arrival
• Shipping Company
• Freight Number
• Shipping Agency (Optional)
• Name of Means of Transportation
• Weight (Gross/Net)
• Number of Parcels

Invoice Info

• Invoice/Purchase Order Number
• Invoice Date
• Type of Contract
• Invoice Value
• Billing Currency
• Nationality of the Foreign Exporter
• Invoice Items: (Tariff Item/Item Description/Gross and Net Weight/Unit Price/Unit Weight/Statistical Customs Quantity)